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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT:TRIAL OF MERCENARIES IN ANGOLA

1. DEPARTMENT HAS NOTED APRIL 2 REUTERS DISPATCH INDICATING BRITAIN HAS NOT YET DECIDED HOW IT WANTS TO HANDLE ITS REPRESENTATION AT THE UPCOMING TRIAL OF TEN BRITISH MERCENARIES IN ANGOLA.

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2. THERE ARE AT LEAST 2 AND PERHAPS 3 AMERICANS TO BE TRIED ALONG WITH THE BRITISH AND WE ARE NOW CONSIDERING ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF ASSURING THAT THESE MEN ARE GIVEN THE BROADEST POSSIBLE PROTECTION DURING THIS TRIAL. HOWEVER, OUR ALTERNATIVES ARE LIMITED AND ONE WHICH COMES TO MIND IS TO USE THE INFORMAL ASSISTANCE OF THE BRITISH SHOULD THEY SEND A CONSULAR OFFICER TO LUANDA FOR THE TRIAL. ANOTHER IS TO REQUEST SOME PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL GROUP, SUCH AS THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS TO INSURE THE RIGHTS OF THE ACCUSED UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW AS RESPECTED.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY SHOULD ASK FCO TO KEEP US INFORMED OF THEIR DECISIONS IN THIS MATTER. EMBASSY MAY TELL FCO THAT SHOULD THE UK DECIDE TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO LUANDA WE MAY REQUEST THE BRITISH TO LOOK AFTER

THE 2 OR 3 US CITIZENS AT THE SAME TIME. YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE THIS IS NOT A FORMAL REQUEST. YOU SHOULD ASK THE BRITISH WHAT OTHER ALTERNATIVES THEY ARE CONSIDERING AND MENTION THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS AS ONE OTHER ALTERNATIVE WE ARE LOOKING INTO. KISSINGER

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